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In re Application of  
Gardell et al.  
Application No. 09/460,455  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed April 17, 2007.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely submit a response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 11, 2006. The Notice set an extendable 1 month period for reply. No extensions of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application was held abandoned on September 12, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 12, 2007.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **DISMISSED AS MOOT** in light of the Technology Center's withdrawal of the Abandonment (April 20, 2007) prior to the rendering of a petition decision.

This application is being forwarded to Art Unit 2153 for further processing.

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